possible. The amendment of the Regulation will be coming before the Legislative Council in due course. An amendment to this effect may be proposed in that connection, if the members desire it.

SUBJECT No. 138.

Decentralization of Municipal work.

Mr. Karnik Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Municipal work may be decentralized by the formation of Division and Mohalla Committees.

Mr. M. Krishnamurthi Rao.—A Committee should be formed for each mohalla or ward for municipal work. It is not always possible for a Municipal Councillor to give opinions about the conditions of the mohallas of which he is not a resident. If Committees are formed in each mohalla it would be easy for them to know the various wants and needs and settle accordingly. The mohalla Committees should of course be subordinate to the Municipal Council.

Reply of Government.—The proposal for a Ward Committee as in Bengal will be referred to the Legislative Department in connection with the amendment bill.

SUBJECT No. 139.

Constitution of Trust Boards for important mofussil towns.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundaiya, A. Narayanaiengar, Hassan Municipality; H. V. Rangasami, B. Alasingra Char, Hassan Taluk; S. Venkatessiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association; H. Thimmappaiya, D. Nanjegowda, B. Basavegowda, Manjarabad Taluk; Dasappa, Maralusiddappa, Arsikere Taluk; M. Chowdaiya, Hassan District Board, B. Ananthakesava Char, H. Narasimhachar, Belur Taluk; B. Anantharamaiengar, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; K. M. Krishnappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk, A. V. Suryanarayana Setty, Arkalgud Taluk.

(2) Mr. Herur Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

(3) Messrs. B. Venkataramaniah and C. B. Gopala Rao, Kolar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) There are at present City Improvement Trusts for Bangalore and Mysore Cities alone. The claims of other District Headquarter and important moffussil towns are equally urgent, and Trust Boards may be immediately constituted for them all.

(2) A grant of one lakh of rupees may be sanctioned every year, as is done in the case of Bangalore and Mysore Municipalities, for effecting improvements of moffussil taluk Municipalities which are not in a very unsatisfactory condition, by allotting Rs. 10,000 to each such Municipality for the purpose.

(3) The special grant of 1½ lakhs given at present to Municipalities may be increased to 3 lakhs, as 1½ lakhs is scarcely sufficient.

Mr. H. V. Rangasami.—Trust Boards are established in Mysore and Bangalore. The other districts too may be given the concession of having Trust Boards in addition to District Boards and given funds for improvement.

Dewan.—If for each town we create statutory bodies, there will be friction. In big towns the work is of great magnitude and so there are Trust Boards but not always. Even in Bombay they have abolished the Trust Board. Under the Municipal Regulation you can raise loans. It is the policy of Government to give more money for objects like water-supply, drainage, etc.

Mr. Girimaji Rao.—About Rs. 25,000 is allotted for the sanitation of Kolar District with 17,000 villages, *i.e.*, Rs. 1½ for every village. The allotment should be raised.

Mr. H. V. Rangasami.—We want more money for the districts. We do not want Trust Boards so much as the money Government give to them.

Deiwan.—Improvement in each district should be ordinarily effected from local funds. All the expenditure of all the villages in the districts cannot be met by Government. If there is any particular scheme for which the Kolar or other Municipality requires money they may pass a resolution and Government will see what they can do in the matter. I do not remember to have seen a single proposal from the Kolar Municipality except that for town extension.

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SUBJECT No. 140.

Non-interference by Government in Social and Religious reforms.

Messrs. Mahommed Sait, A. Krishna Rao, M. Venkatakrishnaiya, and N. Desikachar, Mysore City Municipal Council.

Summary of discussion.—The appointment by Government of special officers to promote the activities of Civic and Social Reform Bodies leads to the suspicion that Government is unduly forcing Social and Religious reform on the people. Hence it is requested that Government may withdraw such officials and refrain from diverting any portion of the public revenue towards such movements except by making special grants when they are asked for.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—The Muncipality must withdraw the subject. Otherwise the general impression will be that this association may bring about all sorts of reforms. In Liverpool University there is a School of Social Science and Social work. In 30 or 40 American Universities the subject of Sociology is taught to fit men for administrative purposes and to teach them their rights and privileges. In America there is a Government agency for social advancement. Therefore, until people come forward voluntarily, there must be a Government officer.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya.—As a delegate of the Municipality, I wish to state that the officer is not necessary. In my individual capacity I am for the officer. The three members are absent. I do not accept their proposal. The Municipality should co-operate with the association. Ten times more help should be given from the State.

Reply of Government.—It is not the intention of Government to lend any officer permanently to the Association. Since the movement has just begun, Government had lent an officer to properly organise it. Government will withdraw him as soon as practicable.

SUBJECT No. 141.

Enhanced powers to Dharmadarsis.

Mr. E. Krishnappa, Nanjangud Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In major Muzrai Institutions, the Dharmadarsis concerned are not empowered by the rules to deal with the temple affairs independently of the Amildar and during the absence of the Amildars on